

PACKAGING RESEARCH CENTER INAUGURAL

Good afternoon. My name is Wayne Clough, and I am the president of Georgia Tech.

On behalf of Georgia Tech it is my pleasure to welcome you to our campus and the inauguration of our Packaging Research Center.

This is an important day for us, and we believe for the State of Georgia. For Georgia Tech, this center represents a historical step in the evolution of this institution. For Georgia, it is now home to a unit that will bring national attention to this state in an area that is key to the economic vitality in the future.

Needless to say, we are proud of the team working under the

direction of Dr. Tummala that made this a reality, and I offer them congratulations on behalf of the Institute.

To help us celebrate this event, Dr. Tummala and his able staff have assembled a program with a group of outstanding speakers with different perspectives who will address the issue of how this Center fits in the future of the important field of electronic packaging and its potential impact on the State economy. I would like to express my appreciation to all of them for taking time from their busy schedules to participate with us.

We also believe the best strategy is to begin our event by feeding all of the participants, and so we start with lunch. Promptly at 12:40 we will hear from the newly re-elected

**Governor of the State of Georgia,
Governor Zell Miller.**

**It is especially appropriate to have
Governor Miller speak to us since it
was one of his initiatives, the
Georgia Research Alliance that was
the key to allowing us to hire Dr.
Tummala and develop the basic
facilities needed to move his
research efforts forward.**

**Please go ahead with your lunch
and note that we have provided
each of you with a Georgia Tech
lapel pin which we hope you will
wear with pride.**